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371(c) Date)	Conf. No.:	4889
Title:)	Customer No.:	
PROCESS FOR THE)		
PREPARATION OF)		
LEVOFLOXACIN)		
HEMIHYDRATE)		
)		<u>24239</u>

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATION UNDER
37 CFR §1.36 IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/578,078**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Request hereby is made under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.36 and 37 CFR §10.40 for the withdrawal of the undersigned (Registration No. 39983) and attorneys associated with Customer No. 24239, as attorneys of record in the above-identified US Patent Application.

The above identified application is owned by Neuland Laboratories Limited, as evidenced by enclosed cover sheet of the corresponding PCT application of which the current application was 35 USC §371 filing thereof. The undersigned attorney, being an attorney of Moore & Van Allen PLLC under the Customer Number 24239, has contacted the owner and requested payment for outstanding invoices. However, to date the owner has not sent the requested funds. Some of the invoices date back to January 2006 and the current amount owed is approximately \$6500.00 to the firm for several applications. Another request for withdrawal is being filed concurrently for the other application in question, that being US Patent Application No. 10/557,650 for PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF OLANZAPINE FROM 1 USEFUL AS ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUG.

Currently the above-identified application has no outstanding office action, as shown by the attached documents downloaded from public PAIR. The undersigned attorney requests that notice be sent to Neuland Laboratories Limited of the withdrawal of all attorneys associated with Customer Number 24239 at the following address:

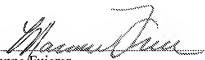
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The undersigned attorney request that all attorneys associated with Customer Number 24239 be granted the right to withdraw from representation of Neuland Laboratories for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved process for preparation of Levofloxacin hemihydrate having single individual impurity not more than 0.1% and free from particulate matter and from the other enantiomer (R-form) which comprises dissolving levofloxacin technical grade in aqueous alkaline solution, treating the resulting solution with activated carbon at room temperature, removing the undissolved particulate matter filtration, bringing the pH of the aqueous alkaline levofloxacin solution to neutral using dilute mineral acid, removing the precipitated particulate matter by filtration, acidifying the resulting solution, treating the acidified solution with activated carbon at room temperature, filtering the undissolved particulate matter by filtration, neutralizing the acidic solution, filtering again to remove any particulate matter present and, extracting the resulting product with chlorinated solvent and concentrating under vacuum using aqueous tetrahydrofuran or in admixture with other organic solvents to get highly pure levofloxacin hemihydrate having single individual impurity is less than 0.1% and free from particulate matter and from the other enantiomer (R-form).

10/578,078 Process for the Preparation of Levofloxacin Hemihydrate

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